

**Special Ad Hoc – Flash Flood of 2009 Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2009**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**Third Floor, City Hall**

**Present:** Co-Chair: CW Green  
Co-Chair: CM Johnson  
Members: CW Hamilton & CW Ward-Pugh  
**ABSENT:** CW Welch & CM Heiner (excused absence)  
**Also Present:** CM Fleming, CM Downard & CW Woolridge

Co-Chair Johnson began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

**THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING**

**Special Items For Discussion:.**

1- 1. Metro Government's response to the August 4 flooding.

**Discussion:** Jim McGovern, Mayor's Office, spoke to the committee. The following was discussed:

- About 7 inches of heavy rainfall in 90 minutes
- Administration's response
  - Saving lives
  - Blocking roadways
- Damage assessment – took about 7 to 10 days
  - Businesses
  - Community centers
  - Library
  - Homes
  - Churches
- Clean Up Process/Procedures
  - Scheduled Junk Pick-Ups
    - Picking up flood debris with scheduled Junk Pick Up
  - Drop off sites set up
  - Private property/Homeowners vs. Government Responsibility
  - Property owners could put debris out on street and the city would pick it up.
  - City not authorized to enter homes to carry out debris.
  - Many people have still not cleaned up their residences.
- Volunteers organized-mainly through Metro United Way
- There are still 200 homes that need cleaning
  - Cleaned about 800 basements
    - 1 home takes about 4 hours, with 6 able-bodied individuals
    - Approximately 1 basement per day
  - Trained in sanitization, dry wall removal
  - Volunteer/Organized Groups
    - Christian Appellation Project
    - Salvation Army
    - Metro United Way
    - American Baptist Convention
    - AmeriCorp Team
    - Church of Latter Day Saints
- Comparison of other historical storms and the clean up action taken
  - No FEMA reimbursement on those other historical storms

- August 4<sup>th</sup> was declared a natural disaster and would be receiving FEMA reimbursement
- Urging the public to extend additional volunteers on continuing cleanup efforts
- Affected Districts used Neighborhood Development Funds and Capital Infrastructure Funds to clean up damages
- Councilmen believed city should have been more responsive
- Mr. McGovern stated that the city had never picked up debris on the other flood events.
- The city did more on this flood than any previous one.

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2. MSD about the functionality of the inflatable dam in the Southwestern outfall.

**Discussion:** Bud Schardein, Metropolitan Sewer District, spoke to the committee and reviewed some presentation material from a previous committee meeting. (attached) The following was discussed:

- Inflatable dams in sewer lines
  - Holds back water flow by computer sensor regulation
  - Enable to properly treat water flowing through the sewer system
- Combined sewer operation
  - Gravity concept
- Flow Meter
  - Gallons per minutes
- Back-up planning
  - Standard Operation Procedures
  - Backflow Prevention
    - MSD pays for it
    - If in place, could have saved up to 80% of damaged properties
- Regulation of Development in Flood Plains
  - Relocation proposals
    - Possible matching Federal funds
  - Creation of Urban Green Space
- Consent Decree
  - Creation of higher level of water quality
  - Build
    - Water storage
    - Water basins

**The meeting adjourned without objection at 6:30 PM.**

**KLP**